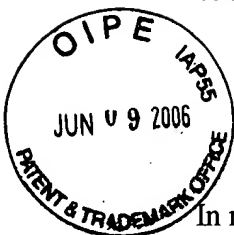


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The document (1) was cited during prosecution of a European patent application corresponding to the above U.S. application. A copy of the European Search Report dated March 23, 2006 is enclosed.

The documents (2) and (3) were cited during prosecution of a Japanese application corresponding to the above U.S. application, namely Japan 2001-390490. A copy of a Japanese Office Action dated March 3, 2006 is enclosed.

English language abstracts for the documents (2) and (3) along with whole English-language translations have been located and are enclosed for the Examiner's consideration. The concise explanation of relevance for each of these documents is believed to be satisfied by the enclosed English abstracts and translations. See MPEP § 609.

Inasmuch as the present application has received an Office Action on the merits, but has not yet received any of a final Office Action, a Notice Of Allowance, or an action that otherwise close prosecution of the application, this Information Disclosure Statement is filed under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c). Accordingly, in view of the date of the European Search Report and Japanese Office Action, Applicants submit under 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e) that each item of information cited herein was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure Statement.

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